

MEMORANDUM

Department of the Navy

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From: LCDR Painter
To: CAPT Brooks

Subj: REDEPLOYMENT STATUS & RESERVE PLANNING FOR FY92

Encl: (1) Current return data

1. Encl (1) is an overview of our redeployment schedule from the Gulf. The first 25 departed Subic on 18 March, the balance there yesterday. One remaining at Subic, DK3 Perez, who will process the 15 April pay for those of us still here, then he will hand carry remaining records to TI to meet our last group on the 25th.

2. Six "volunteers" will remain with the N7 staff after 25 Apr: Marty Optiz, Ed Keith, and 4 enl. They will be returning on a phased basis from 24 May thru 1 July. The warfighters get to drop their socks and go (deservedly), but the planning and execution of redeployment, cleanup, and prepositioning for the future has the N7 shop loaded down for months. The staff here is working very well together.

3. There was some concern at high levels that the Gulf folks would have some difficulty at outprocessing due to no physicals and bypassing Subic on return (we're TAD from there, apparently a technical issue of some sort), but our first "group" left Jubail on the 21st and was out of TI by the 23rd. Outstanding! The Subic contingent, with physicals done and records pre-screened, is taking as little as four hours to revert to pink card status. So it does seem that it's working. We made the somewhat controversial decision to have all go thru TI, on the theory that only one PSD would have to be spun up on our problems, looks like that was a good choice. The OIC there, as well as her crew, are committed.

4. Master Chief Napert was there (TI) last night to greet incoming folks.

5. In discussion with Rodger Darr last night, we reviewed a number of reserve issues I would like to confirm/push. First, he said that all NR PWC Subic pay billets (287) would be held through end of FY91; all returning selres will stay in/have a pay billet upon release from AD. The shuffle back to old/into new billets will be 1 Oct. At that

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time, those who had been mobilized will have priority for billet return rights.

6. I think there is a decision flow that we need to tackle pretty quickly. Rodger believes the available billets to PWC's will be the sum of our 287, plus remaining Guam and Yoko/Pearl billets. These would be divided somehow among the three units, some 100+ each. I would like to resolve the shape of the FY92 units in May (prior to the June detailing board) so that officer assignments can be tailored to our new distribution. I think the July NR PWC Training conference will be more important than ever to establish new FYTPs. NR PWC Subic has a complete turnover on officers, so we would have only two drill weekends to reorganize and pass down. Perhaps a May executive meeting of NR PWC CO's with you and whomever else appropriate from RDNAVFAC is in order.

7. Even if we meet the above schedule: May decisions/June detailing/July conference, there is an awful lot of work in Aug/Sept to redistribute billets & personnel, plan, and hit the new year running.

8. Guess we continue to live in interesting times. Look forward to seeing you soon.

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TRIP REPORT - SHAIKH ISA MWR PIER CRATER
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This report summarizes a site visit conducted by LCDR W.L. Painter and Lt E.L. Keith on 30 March 1991. The purpose of this visit was to survey the damage to the MWR pier reportedly done by an EOD team in trying "burn-out" an enemy mine.

We arrived at the Shaikh Isa Base at noon and were directed to the small MWR pier (a rubble jetty with a dirt top) where the incident occurred by a guard who was on watch during the explosion. We inspected the pier and could not locate any damage. We then went to the U.S. Marine EOD team that was responsible for the incident. We were taken back out to the site by a Chief Warrant Officer who showed us the crater and area damaged by the explosion (see drawing attached). The incident occurred approximately three weeks ago.

THE INCIDENT: The Marine EOD team was attempting to do a controlled "burn-out" of an enemy mine. The mine was placed on the beach below the high tide line about 10 feet from the shore and 8 feet from the small boat launch ramp. Proper procedures were apparently used to do a controlled burn, but a partial uncontrolled reaction resulted. (Part of the warhead burned out and the remainder exploded.)

The EOD team was 600 yards from the point of detonation and there were no casualties or damage to the facilities on the pier outside of the damage described below.

THE DAMAGE: The crater is about 10-12 feet in diameter and 1-1/2 feet deep. When we were there the tide was in and the crater was under water. The water was less than one foot deep the crater was easily discernable. The explosion damaged one and displaced another small (2' wide x 6' long x 4" thick) concrete pad that formed the boat ramp in the tidal area. The boat launch/ramp is rather primitive and looks to be the product of a self-help project. The boat ramp is unusable in its present condition.